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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 DIVISION OF SAN FRANCISCO

ALEXANDRE BALKANSKI TRADING)
 PARTNER, LP; AAB & SB, LLC, Tax)
 Matters Partner; ALEXANDRE)
 BALKANSKI, Sole Member-Manager,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

Defendant.)

CV 08-002494 WDB

CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A
 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
 JUDGE

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In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C. Section 636(c), the undersigned
 party hereby voluntarily consents to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all

CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

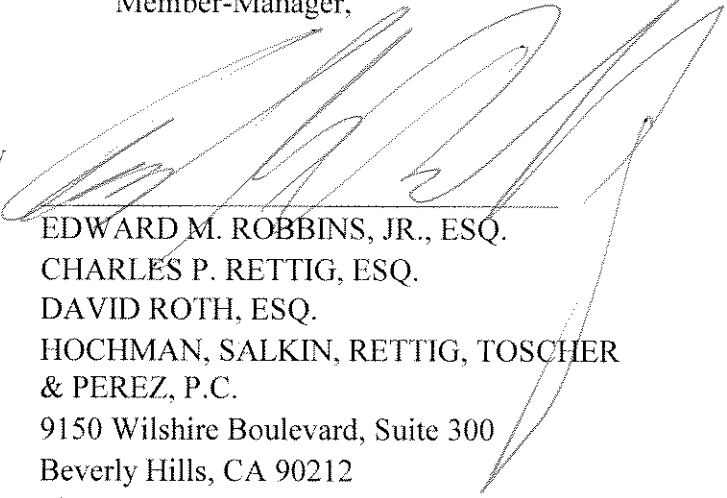
1 further proceedings in the case, including trial, and order the entry of a final judgment. Appeal
2 from the judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth
3 Circuit.
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5 Respectfully submitted,

6 ALEXANDRE BALKANSKI TRADING
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10 Dated: May 21, 2008

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I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 9150 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 300, Beverly Hills, California 90212.

On May 21, 2008, I served the foregoing document described as CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE on the interested parties in this action by placing the true copies of the original thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

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I placed such envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid in the United States mail at Beverly Hills, California.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.


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